

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:) Confirmation No.: 9416
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Serial No. 10/815,654) Group Art Unit: 2894
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING)
PAIR OF FLEXIBLE SUBSTRATES)

RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Official Action mailed April 24, 2009, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on April 2, 2004; June 30, 2004; October 13, 2004; January 10, 2005; January 27, 2005; March 3, 2005; March 15, 2005; May 17, 2005; October 25, 2005; December 8, 2005; April 26, 2006; September 18, 2006; June 12, 2007; June 14, 2007; January 11, 2008; and September 5, 2008.

Claims 48, 52, 56, 61-63 and 66-71 are pending in the present application, of which claims 48, 52 and 56 are independent. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Paragraph 4 of the Official Action rejects claims 48, 52, 56, 61, 66 and 67 as obvious based on the combination of U.S. Patent No. 3,657,613 to Brody, U.S. Patent No. 4,954,612 to Nomura and U.S. Patent No. 5,798,744 to Tanaka. The Applicant